

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to after final amendment received 11/16/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 8,9,14,20 and 22-24.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. PCT/IL03/00558.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

Allowed Claims: 8-9, 14, 20, 22-24.

Reasons for Allowance/Examiner's Comments

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: none of the prior art either alone or in combination disclose or teach of the claimed combination of limitations to warrant a rejection under 35 USC 102 or 103. Specifically, with reference to independent claim 8, none of the prior art either alone or in combination, disclose or teach of the claimed wide angle imaging assembly specifically including, as the distinguishing features in combination with the other limitations, the light from the second scene passing through the optical block as claimed, and the transparent area fabricated as a hole extending along the vertical axis of symmetry from the upper surface to the lower surface. Specifically, with reference to independent claim 14, none of the prior art either alone or in combination, disclose or teach of the claimed wide angle imaging assembly specifically including, as the distinguishing features in combination with the other limitations, a hole conically shaped extending from the upper surface to the lower surface and a black cone compatibly shaped to be placed inside the hole to prevent glare. Specifically, with reference to independent claim 20, none of the prior art either alone or in combination, disclose or teach of the claimed wide angle imaging assembly specifically including, as the distinguishing features in combination with the other limitations, the holding element fabricated together with and part of the optical block adjacent the lower surface and extending downward, not interfering with the rays exiting the lower surface, a mechanical connector to connect to the holding

element, and a second edge of the connector designed to connect to an illumination source with the illumination source positioned adjacent to the exterior edge of the holding element. Specifically, with reference to independent claim 24, none of the prior art either alone or in combination, disclose or teach of the claimed wide angle imaging assembly specifically including, as the distinguishing features in combination with the other limitations, a hole extending along the vertical axis of symmetry of the optical block with an optical assembly within the hole having the specific structure as claimed and the optical assembly not interfering with light rays reflected from the optical block.

Examiner's Comments

To clarify the record, in the final rejection dated September 10, 2007, the examiner indicated that claims 22-24 were allowable and inadvertently stated "and claim 24 overcoming the claim objection set forth herein". However, the claim objection was set forth in the non-final rejection dated January 16, 2007 and was subsequently corrected by applicant. The reference to a claim objection of claim 24 in the final rejection was inadvertent.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jordan M. Schwartz whose telephone number is (571)

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272-2337. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:00 to 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ricky Mack can be reached on (571) 272-2333. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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